- Validity of Regge factorisation and uncertainty on Pomeron parameterizations?
  - Revisit additional freedom introduced in the description of data and resulting systematic uncertainty of the constraints on theory from measurements of diffraction.
- Sufficient freedom of analytical shapes of PDF currently implemented in PDF fits?
  - Error bands from DGLAP evolution are still small for larger Q<sup>2</sup> even in regions, where there are no direct constraints from data. Is there anything that forbids completely arbitrary functions? Will these still lead to similarly small uncertainties at larger Q<sup>2</sup>?

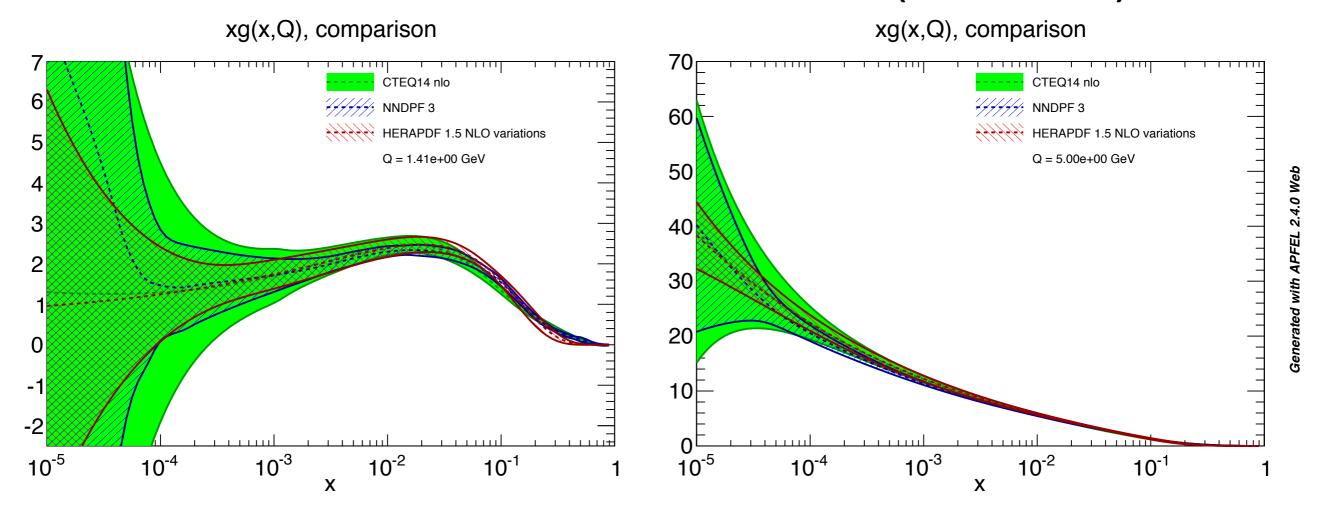
- Beware of naive LO estimates of kinematics! (More serious problem at LHC, but should be studied at RHIC also.)
  - Likely, low p<sub>T</sub> (mass) particle production has significant contribution from large Q<sup>2</sup> and large x even for forward rapidity.
  - Models to predict particle production need correct description of gluon density at large (x, Q²), even if from LO estimates one expects small x to dominate for the observable in question.
    - $\Rightarrow$  Only use models with the correct asymptotic behaviour at large (x, Q<sup>2</sup>)

- Need "comprehensive" theory/model for predictions of signals of saturation.
  - Be able to compare different observables (light hadrons, charm, J/psi, photons, ..., correlations) consistently from one framework.
  - Study onset of saturation needs to match asymptotic limit of pQCD.
  - Use state-of-the-art theoretical tools.
  - Ideally available in Monte-Carlo version to study experimental performance.

 In view of final state modifications in pA at LHC - can one at all use hadronic observables in pA to constrain the initial state?

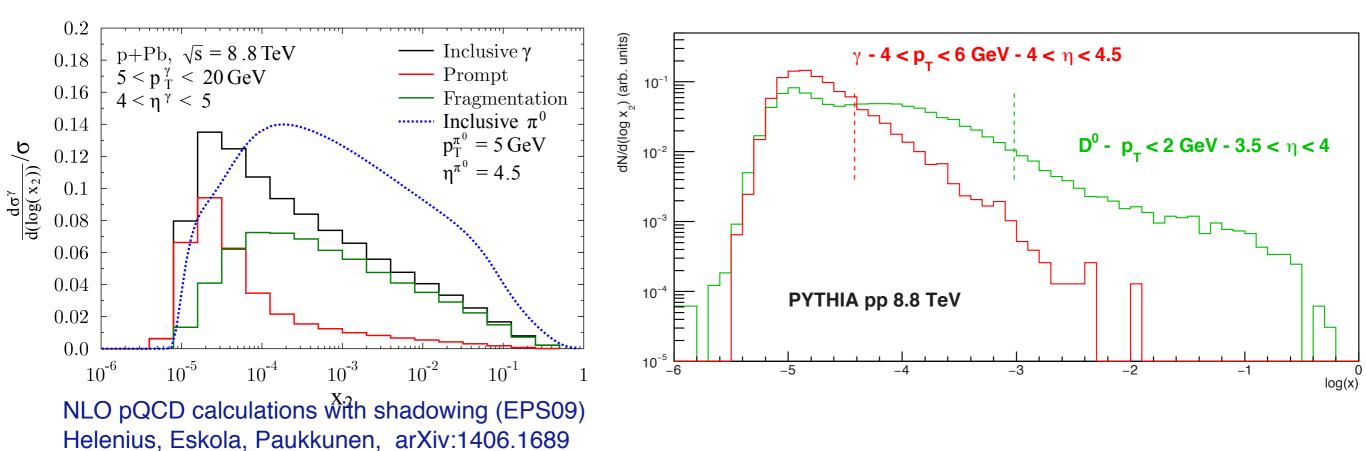
 Can one make use of synergy between detector R&D for LHC (i.e. FoCal) and EIC? Backup Material

# Gluon Densities at Low x (Protons)



- at Q = 1.41 GeV, g(x) essentially unconstrained for  $x < 10^{-4}$
- apparent uncertainty significantly reduced at slightly larger Q (5 GeV)
  - not from more data constraints!
  - strong role of QCD evolution
- careful: we want to test QCD evolution!

## x-Sensitivity



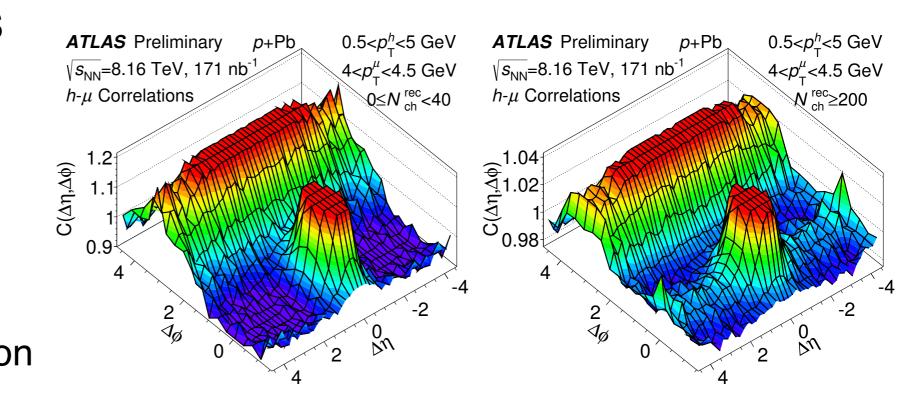
- x<sub>2</sub> distributions for forward production at LHC
- significant tails towards large x

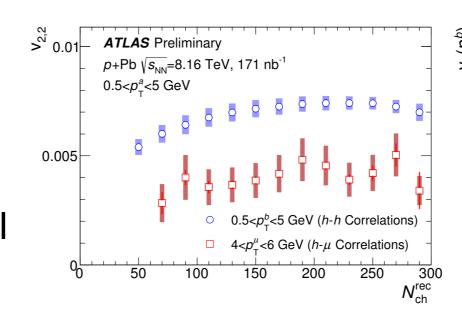
## Final State Nuclear Modification of HF in p-Pb?

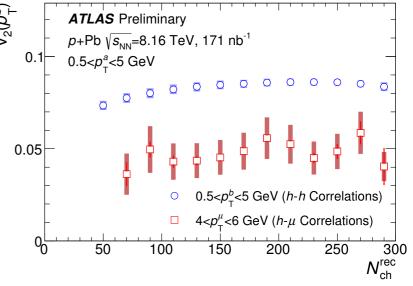
recent results from ATLAS (presented at QM2017): ATLAS-CONF-2017-006

study of h- $\mu$  angular correlations, observe flow-like correlation of muons in high multiplicity p—Pb (muons dominated by heavy flavour)

heavy flavour suffering final state modification in pPb? still useful as initial state probe?





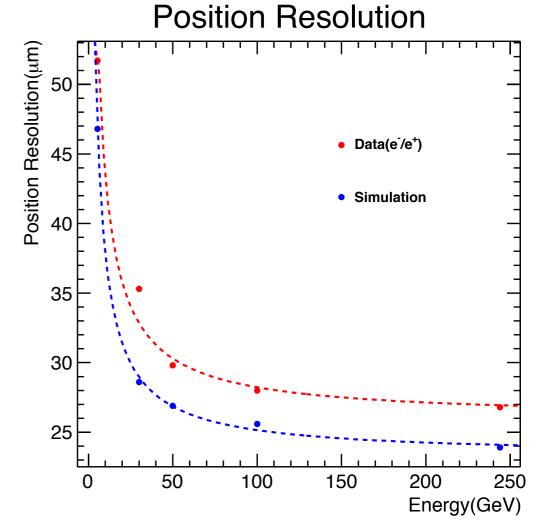


## R&D - Position Resolution and Shower Separation

calculate difference of position from

- cluster in layer 0 and
- center of gravity of shower in layers 1 23

single shower position resolution obtained from width of residuals



#### single-event from data: two neighbouring showers

can provide excellent two-shower separation

